

SIEGE OF AUGUSTA XXI 10-12 January 2012



Bob Moon's Russo Japanese War Naval Game Friday Night



The Imperial Japanese Navy Moves to Block The Sortie of the Port Arthur Squadron

Following last year and the twentieth anniversary of this convention things got confusing. Initially an effort was made to start promoting immediately. Then the organizers engaged in what might be described as “Live Action Role Playing.” That was compounded when Historical Miniatures Gaming Society MIDSOUTH, based in Nashville, decided that NASHCON was enough of an adventure and ceased sponsorship. Not surprisingly, things didn’t pick up as fast as usual on Friday night. But the convention refused to die.

Bob Moon’s games were as usual filled. But several others occurred on Friday night, including Dwight Jones Darkest Africa epic. My son-in-law, formerly of Games Workshop cited Darkest Africa as proof that if someone came out with really neat figures someone would make a game out of it.



Darkest Africa Overview

Other games were conducted, and more set up in advance for Saturday. In addition to the traditional tournaments such as DBA and Warrior (and Americanization of Phil Barker’s WRG 7.5) new groups were brought in. A computer game club was across the hall in a room which featured War of the Spanish Succession 28mm masterpieces last year. And among the novelties was a game which ran, I think, more than two sessions in WWI micro-armor, though I suspect that the figures were ROS Heroics (named for the designer, Roger O. Stanley of England.)

Thus while the numbers were somewhat lower, there was always activity. And in addition to the usual Grognards there were a number of not-yet-graying hobbyists to be seen in action.



Darkest Africa-A Shootout In The Belgian Congo



Crowds Pick Up On Saturday

On Saturday people began arriving in greater numbers. And the major groups and tournaments began.



The Evans Gamers Club Was A New Arrival





The De Bellis Antiquitates Tournament. Or at least I think that's what it was. Any distance from 15mm figures and I can't tell DBA from "Hordes Of The Things" (HOTT) the dark side variant. For all its faults Warrior at least used really big, and usually quite well painted figures.



The Warrior Tournament





Bob Moon's Civil War Epics Always Draw a Crowd



Figures And Terrain Like These Are Part Of The Reason



Chris Pagano's 1918 Blitzkrieg In 6mm





Mike Graziano's Waterloo Campaign All Weekend



Evidence That Not All Of The Hobby Is graying



But Grogards Still Dominate-Task Force 34 and (Below-Sunday) Stalingrad



Grogard Is, Of Course, Martial French For Old Codger

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